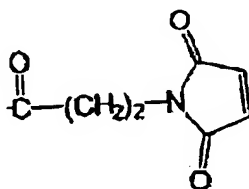


REMARKS

The Examiner states the pending claims in the application as filed (e.g. claims 1 - 53) are subject to restriction requiring an election to one of six (6) claim groups. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the claims into: Group I consisting of claims 1 - 15, Group II consisting of claims 16 - 19, Group III consisting of claims 20 - 30, Group IV consisting of claims 31 - 39, Group V consisting of claims 40 - 50, and Group VI consisting of claims 51 - 53.

The Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group III (claims 20 - 30) in the instant application. Moreover with regard to the "PRG" (Protein Reactive Group) set out in this elected claim set, the Applicants further elect the following structure:




as set out in compound 8 in Figure 14A. However, as stated by the Examiner, the Applicants note that, "[t]he scope of an independent invention will encompass all compound within the scope of the claim which fall into the same class and subclass as the elected compound, but may also include additional compounds which fall in related subclasses. . . [a] clear statement of the examined invention, defined by those class(es) and subclass(es) will be set forth in the first action on the merits." Office Action mailed June 03, 2005, pp. 5 - 6.

Finally, the Applicants have amended claim 24 to recite the compound set out at paragraph 18 of the application as originally filed in order to provide proper antecedent basis for the "R" group set out in this same claim. No new matter is added through this amendment.

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